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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steadier entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the light to at times moderate demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Spent hen availability was more than adequate for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as usually normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was in a full range of light to good. Loose egg demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices paid to producers.	Range	Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	81-83				
LARGE	77-85	79-82	LARGE	52-59	54	
MEDIUM	62-68	65-67	MEDIUM	43-47	45	
			SMALL	31-33		

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. The market tone was steadier entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	82-96	85-89
LARGE	79-93	84-88
MEDIUM	63-76	68-70

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was usually moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to instances moderate for the adequate offerings. Many breakers felt that current shell egg pricing had reached the bottom and found additional breaking stock not as readily offered. Supplies balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-92	85-88
LARGE	82.5-91	84-87
MEDIUM	66.5-75	68-71

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steadier entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were reported as usually normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83.5-107.25	85-88
LARGE	82-106.25	83-86
MEDIUM	65.5-84.25	66-70

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	85-89
LARGE	83-87
MEDIUM	72-76

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-91	85-87
LARGE	82-90	83-86
MEDIUM	67-76	70-72

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**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 7-8 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 7 cents lower on jumbo, 10 cents lower on extra large and large, and 3 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 83. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-Jumbo dozen 2 for \$3, medium dozen 98.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	127
LARGE	119
MEDIUM	103

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110-117
EXTRA LARGE	108-115
LARGE	106-109
MEDIUM	90-93

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-349
EXTRA LARGE	259-309
LARGE	239-249
MEDIUM	100-219

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings adequate. Many breakers felt that current shell egg pricing had reached the bottom and found additional breaking stock not as readily offered. Supplies balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	59-63	59-61
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	48-54	48-50
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged on nest run, but unchanged to slightly lower on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. The undertone was slightly unsettled, but steadier as buyers usually limit purchases from normal channels. Demand was fair but not aggressive as offerings were usually sufficient for trade needs. Overall, breaking schedules were mostly on normal schedules but a few were down early week due to the holiday. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10-April-2004 were 11% less than last week, and 3% lower than a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-63	60-62
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	47-53	48-51
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 10-Apr-04**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,177,138	28,021	11,203	6,130	2,613	3,851
PW	1,197,986	29,072	10,845	5,875	2,283	4,178
LY	1,088,515	26,476	9,801	5,575	1,698	4,070
% CHG PW	-2	-4	3	4	14	-8
% CHG LY	8	6	14	10	54	-5
2004	16,320,375	388,725	155,492	86,546	35,675	57,028
2003	15,570,214	379,245	141,018	78,034	32,181	57,745
% CHG YTD	5	2	10	11	11	-1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.80	41.71	42.19
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.53	38.22	38.45

**NATIONAL LIQUID** No pasteurized whites reported, with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 56 to 62 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and whites and barely steady to instances weak for yolk. Liquid demand was generally light through the week with more interest shown for next week's deliveries by late in the period while contractual add-ons were prevalent the entire week. Offerings were adequate to available for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	8	56-62	59.75	-2.75
WHITES	8	74-77	76.19	-.81
YOLKS	8	52-57	54.75	-3.45

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices generally trended slightly higher on whites, but lower on whole and yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady on whites, about steady on yolks and unsettled on whole. Demand was light to fair with buyers still watching further market developments. Offerings were clearing on whites, available on whole, and balanced on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 10 Apr 2004 were 11% less than the previous week, and 3% less than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	72-85	75-79	80-86
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		88-100
WHITES	89-93	89-91	94-99
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-73	67-71	74-87
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-71	65-69	71-76
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices ranged lower with whites ranging unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady for whole egg, steady on whites, and barely steady for sugared and salted sugar yolk. Offerings were usually adequate for all frozen products with the exception of whites which were reported as tight. Demand was generally light while current frozen inventories were reported as adequate to closely balanced as observers wait for frozen egg and shell egg markets to settle before doing additional business. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	73-76	74
WHITES	89-92	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-70	70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68	66-68

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were 4 cents lower on whole, 2 cents lower on yolks, and unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/10 was 2% more than the previous week. Frozen demand slowed and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	79-82
WHITES	94-97
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Prices were unchanged on albumen, somewhat lower on yolks and blends, and sharply lower on whole when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot trading was limited but improved. Demand was moderate. The undertone was about steady to steady on yolks, unsettled on whole, and generally steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 10 Apr 2004 were 14% higher than the previous week, and 54% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 11% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.87-3.19	MOSTLY	3.00-3.05
YOLKS	1.60-2.00	MOSTLY	1.60-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.80-7.35	MOSTLY	7.00-7.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.35	MOSTLY	1.95-2.05

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 09, 2004-APR 15, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 69.75								FUTURE LOADS 95.00				TOTAL LOADS 164.75							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW							
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	59.00	61.00	61.20	61.25	—	—	14.00	GL W J	68.00	—	—	—	—	80.77	4.25				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	64.70	—	67.00	—	—	73.11	8.50				
GNR W 3	—	—	—	52.75	50.00	53.00	3.00	GL W LG	63.50	—	67.00	—	—	70.73	15.50				
GNR W 4	—	—	—	48.00	44.75	—	2.00	GL W MD	58.75	—	—	—	—	62.78	2.75				
GL W J	—	—	—	—	68.67	—	3.50	GL BR MD	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00				
GL W XL	—	66.00	73.67	74.10	63.96	69.75	37.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.00				
GL W LG	—	66.00	69.28	70.89	60.27	66.91	22.75	NRBS - 45	—	—	60.00	—	—	65.00	6.00				
GL W MD	58.00	54.00	57.88	58.88	51.00	58.00	10.50	NRBS - 39	46.00	47.00	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W SM	44.00	46.22	46.00	46.50	41.50	45.00	8.75												
NRBS - 48	—	61.00	—	—	62.70	62.83	89.75												
NRBS - 45	—	—	55.00	57.20	—	—	1.25												
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	59.25	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Offering of spent fowl were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-12 8-10.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of leghorn fowl. Schedules were less than capacity. Finished sales were moderate. Charges for removal were expected to remain unchanged.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Demand was fairly good to good as rendering operations step in and book additional spent fowl. Opinions of value were generally steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**

REMOVAL COST 0-10.5 5-5.5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings ample.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	87.00	86.00	69.00
SOUTHEAST	86.50	84.50	68.00
MIDWEST	82.00	80.50	66.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	86.50	85.50	69.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	85.53	84.18	68.19

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies as most available supplies were being used internally. Limited offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24-31 MAJORITY 25.5-26 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS** **HEAVY CANNER HENS**  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

27-32 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 10-Apr-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,362	1,305	2,667
LAST WEEK	1,234	1,172	2,406
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,955	1,221	3,176
TO-DATE/2004	17,870	17,683	35,553
TO-DATE/2003	23,960	18,883	42,843

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	200	0	200
LAST WEEK	211	0	211
SAME WEEK YR AGO	281	8	289
TO-DATE/2004	3,200	40	3,240
TO-DATE/2003	4,334	57	4,391

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,562	1,305	2,867
LAST WEEK	1,445	1,172	2,617
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,236	1,229	3,465
TO-DATE/2004	21,070	17,723	38,793
TO-DATE/2003	28,294	18,940	47,234

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	49	196	2,075	2,529
FROZEN	0	0	0	14
DRIED	0	0	154	135
TOTAL	49	196	2,229	2,678

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	39	74	1,149	1,579
FROZEN	127	89	334	1,169
DRIED	80	40	754	320
TOTAL	246	203	2,237	3,068

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 03, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	0	0	50	76
EXTRA LARGE	1,530	780	4,230	1,770
LARGE	860	90	11,913	5,743
MEDIUM	2,010	2,970	11,880	15,222
UNGRADED	5,334	0	24,768	1,470
MISC	1,870	570	4,824	2,982
TOTAL	11,604	4,410	57,665	27,263

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)****SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04/12/04	3,114	183,619	44,043
AM 04/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG	-81	161	2284
PCT CHG	-3%	0%	5%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 10-Apr-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	33.2	31.3	6	19
BOSTON	4.6	3.3	39	-16
CHICAGO	119.9	79.6	51	76
DETROIT	40.5	41.7	-3	-15
KANSAS CITY	5.6	12.5	-55	-22
LOS ANGELES	111.6	88.2	27	10
NEW ORLEANS	9.4	8.7	8	-36
NEW YORK	35.6	30.1	18	-3
ST. LOUIS	18.6	23.2	-20	-27
SAN FRANCISCO	30.5	22.1	38	22
TOTAL	409.5	340.7	20	14
4 WK MVG AVG	334.9			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 10-Apr-04

**(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.1	-2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	555.3	-2	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	287.2	-6	-12
S. ATLANTIC	207.7	11	5
S. CENTRAL	114.0	2	8
WEST	227.0	19	8
TOTAL	1616.3	2	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Apr 13, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	135	129	107	75
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	129-133	123-127	100-104	68-72
MOSTLY	131-132	125-126	102-103	70-71
RHODE ISLAND	134-138	128-132	106-110	74-78
MOSTLY	134	128	106	74
VERMONT	135-138	130-132	109-110	-
MOSTLY	138	132	110	-

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